(क) क्या भारतीय इस्पात प्राधिकरण लिमिटेड ने काफी कम मूल्य पर वस्तुओं के आयात में भारी वृद्धि को देखते हुए देश के लघु उद्योगों को बचाने हेतु ऐंटी डम्पिंग कानून बनाने के लिए सरकार से अनुरोध किया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है;

(ग) क्या भारतीय इस्पात प्राधिकरण लिमिटेड वस्तु सूचियों में भारी वृद्धि होने के कारण परेशान है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो सरकार द्वारा भारतीय इस्पात प्राधिकरण लिमिटेड की वस्तु सूचियों में कमी करने हेतु क्या कदम उठाने का विचार है?

इस्पात मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री सन्तोष मोहन देव) : (क) जी, नहीं ।

भारतीय सीमा शुल्क अधिनियम, 1975 को 1982 में संशोधित किया गया जिससे सरकार को अधिकार मिल गया कि यदि भारी मात्रा में आयात किये जाने से स्वदेशी उद्योग को कोई क्षति पहुंचती हो तो सरकार भारी मात्रा में आयात के विरूद्ध ऐन्टी डम्पिंग शुल्क लगा करके उपचारात्मक उपाय कर सकती है।

सीमा शुल्क नियम के लिए यह आवश्यक होगा कि विनिर्दिष्ट प्राधिकरण इस बात से स्वयं संतुष्ट हो कि डम्पिंग, स्वदेशी उद्योग को आघात पहुंचाने और जांच पड़ताल शुरू करने के निर्णय लिये जाने के पूर्व भारी मात्रा में आयात और तथाकथित आयात के बीच आकस्मिक सहलग्नता के प्रथम दृष्टया पर्याप्त प्रमाण हों।

सरकार ने खतरनाक डम्पिंग को सुधारने तथा उसकी जांच करने के लिए उस स्थान पर आवश्यक तंत्र की व्यवस्था कर दी है ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

(ग) जी, हां। मंदी के कारण माल-सूची बढ़ी । 1-4-93 की स्थिति के अनुसार "सेल" (इस्को को छोड़कर) के विक्रेय मृदु इस्पात का स्टाक लगभग 7.3 लाख टन था जो 1-3-1994 की स्थिति के अनुसार बढ़कर लगभग 8.9 लाख टन हो गया । तथापि, फरवरी, 1994 के दौरान "सेल" अपने स्टाक में कुछ कमी करने में कामयाब रहा ।

(घ) माल-सूची घटाने और अपनी बिक्री में वृद्धि करने के लिए "सेल" द्वारा उठाए गए कुछ प्रमुख कदम निम्नलिखित हैं :-

—बाजार मांग के अनुरूप उत्पाद मिश्र का पुनः अभिविन्यासकरण।

—दिए गए आर्डरों के अनुसार अपने प्रयोक्ताओं को "सेल" के संयंत्रों से सामग्री का युक्तिकरण और प्रेषण ।

—सामग्रियों की शीघ्र बिक्री की सुविधा के लिए प्रत्येक क्षेत्र के बाजार में संयंत्रों से सामग्री भेजना ।

—इस्पात की बिक्री के लिए वैकल्पिक बाजारों का पता लगाने के लिए निर्यात प्रयासों को तेज करना ।

Crisis in Mini Steel Industry

1703. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI :
SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI :
SHRI RAM RATAN RAM :

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that mini steel industry is facing a crisis;

(b) if so, what are the reasons thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that nearly 50 percent of the units are closed and more closures are on the cards;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons therefor and how many employees were effected;

(e) whether it is also a fact that the remaining units are working at substantially low capacities;

(f) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(g) what steps Government have taken to overcome the predicament mentioned in parts (a), (c) and (e) above ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) and (b) The performance of the mini steel industry has been affected for various reasons such as high power tariff and increase in input costs specially due to rise in international scrap prices.

(c) to (f) As per information available, out of 180 commissioned electric are furnace units, 85 units have been lying closed as on date. Besides the reasons stated above, overall recession in the market as well as in many cases financial/labour problems have also been reported as reasons for their closures. Out of 85 closed units, 45 units are lying closed for more than 3 years, 11 units are lying closed since 1991-92, 22 units since 1992-93 and the remaining 7 units have been closed during 1993-94, 18,408 persons have been reportedly affected due to the closures of these units. The remaining units have also been reported to be running at underutilised capacities.

(g) Government have recently constituted an Evaluation Group to examine the problems of mini steel plants and suggest a comprehensive action plan for their development. Besides, import duty on carbon steel melting scrap has now been reduced from 12.5% advalorem to 10% ad valorem.

Prices of DDA flats/plots

1704. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the prices of DDA flats/plots of late have sky rocketed as compared to the figures quoted at the time of registration;

(b) whether it is also a fact that due to severe price escalation, out of 8000 flats/allotments made by DDA last year, only about 2000 are believed to have been accepted by the original registrants;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what steps are being contemplated to contain the abnormal rise in prices of DDA flats/plots so as to enable the original registrants to afford the purchase of plots and flats ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) The DDA has reported that the prices of DDA flats and land plots, as tentatively quoted at the time of registration, have to be revised from time to time because of increase in the cost of acquisition and development of land, escalation in the cost of materials and wages and higher cost of capital.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. In the year 1992-93, 12,673 allotments were made and 5,798 possession letters were issued. In the year 1993-94, 4,873 allotments have been made and 2,346 possession letters have been issued. The acceptance of allotment of flats, interalia, depends on the following :—

(i) whether the allottee gets the allotment in the area/floor of his choice.

(ii) whether the allottee is able to arrange funds towards the cost of flat.

(d) To minimise the increase in the cost of flats and plots, have been taken for more economical land use planning and speedier execution of projects.

Metro Rapid Transport System (MRTS) for Delhi

1705. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Metro Rapid Transport System (MRTS) for Delhi is under the active consideration of the Government NCT of Delhi and the Central Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have so far taken or propose to take in this regard including the allocation of funds, acquisition of land and the time frame by which it is likely to be completed ?